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Protection of forests from denudation.

226 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to protect forests from large-scale denudation?

A.—The protective staff of the Forest department, i.e., the Foresters, Forest Guards and watchers patrol the forests to detect illicit fellings and book the offenders. Timber Transit Rules are in force in many districts to check the timber in transit. Such rules are also being introduced in areas where they do not exist at present.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—PROPOSAL FOR NIGHT SITTING OF THE HOUSE.

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" Sir, I suggest that our Assembly may hold sittings in the nights also just like the House of Commons. I want to know the opinion of the Speaker and also the Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I cannot give a reply off-hand. I must consult the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition on all these matters. The hon. Member wants the Assembly to sit from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. or 12 midnight."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For what purpose. Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" He thinks that in a cool atmosphere we can discuss all these things."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Is it to transact the present business or any other business of the hon. Member? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member Sri Vavilala Gopalakrishnaiah."

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) LOCK-OUT IN THE T.P.K. BEEDI FACTORY, BADAGARA.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion. The motion reads as follows :—

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the arrest and beating of workers who offered satyagraha in T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, on 19th July 1953 as a protest against the lock-out of the factory and the failure of the Government to take necessary action on this matter.'

The hon. Member has also given notice of a short-notice question. I have admitted that question. The answer to this question may come up to-morrow or later."

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I wish to bring to your notice that all the men who have been arrested have been produced before the court. They have been prosecuted. The case is *sub judice* now."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The case is *sub judice*, and there ends the matter."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I shall give you particulars, if you want. The men were charge-sheeted and were produced before the Sub-Magistrate, Badagara, on the 20th July. The charge-sheets are under sections 143 and 448 of the Indian Penal Code. The case has been posted to the 24th July. The arrested persons have been released on bail."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I must tell the Hon. the Chief Minister and the House that he cannot answer the question. It is *sub judice*. When it is *sub judice*, I should not allow any discussion. We must follow certain rules here."

(2) SITUATION CREATED BY THE OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA.

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" Sir, yesterday I gave notice of an adjournment motion to discuss the situation created by the outbreak of cholera. I want to know when that motion will be taken up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That adjournment motion is clearly out of order. I have already said so to the hon. Member in my Chamber. How are the Government responsible for the outbreak of cholera? " (Laughter.)

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE ANDHRA STATE BILL, 1953—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are now on the Seventh Schedule."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I suggest, Sir, that we first take up clause 46? After this is disposed of, and if the Government should accept the suggestion we make through a resolution, the matter will be simplified."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall then take up clause 46 now. Hon. Members will move their amendments now."

Clause 46.

The following amendments were moved and duly seconded :—

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111 " *This House recommends to the Parliament of India that sub-clause* (2) *of clause* 46 *of the Andhra State Bill,* 1953, *be amended to provide for any dispute relating to or arising out of such apportionment being referred to the Supreme Court of India.*"